

Peek at the Week



Drawing Club: We're Going on a Bear Hunt

This week Reception have been going to Drawing Club. Drawing Club opens up the magic of stories and, at the same time, enriches the children's vocabulary by introducing challenging words with actions, associated with the story. It encourages children to explore their own creativity and challenges them to use their phonics and maths knowledge to add a magical element to their drawings. Drawing Club this week was based on Michael Rosen's, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. This week's challenging vocabulary was:

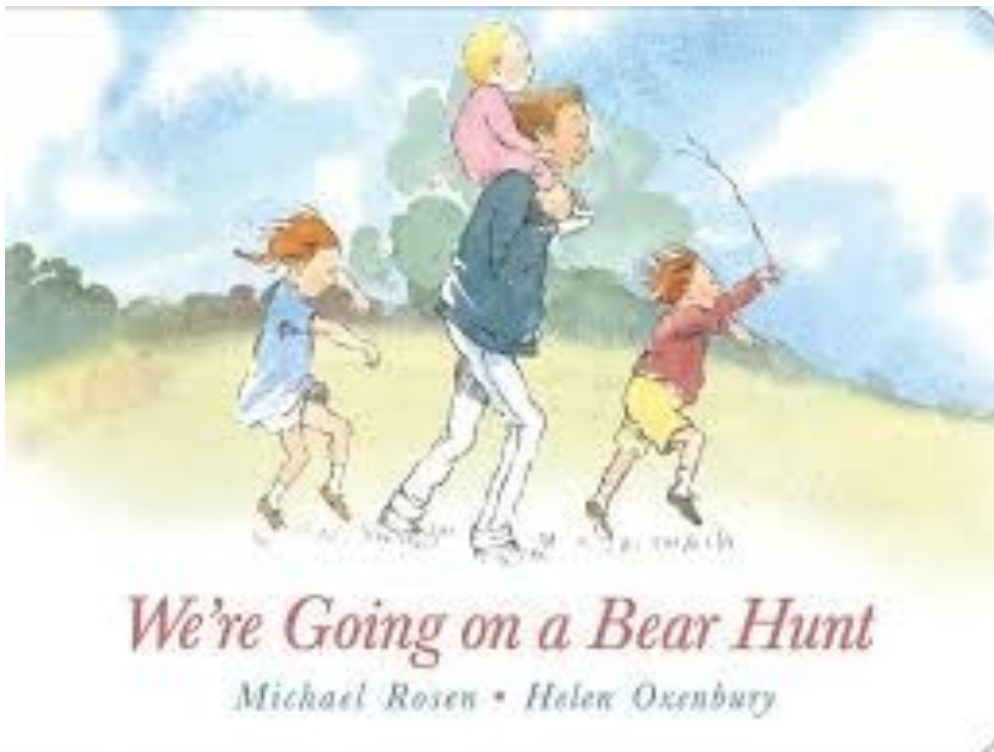
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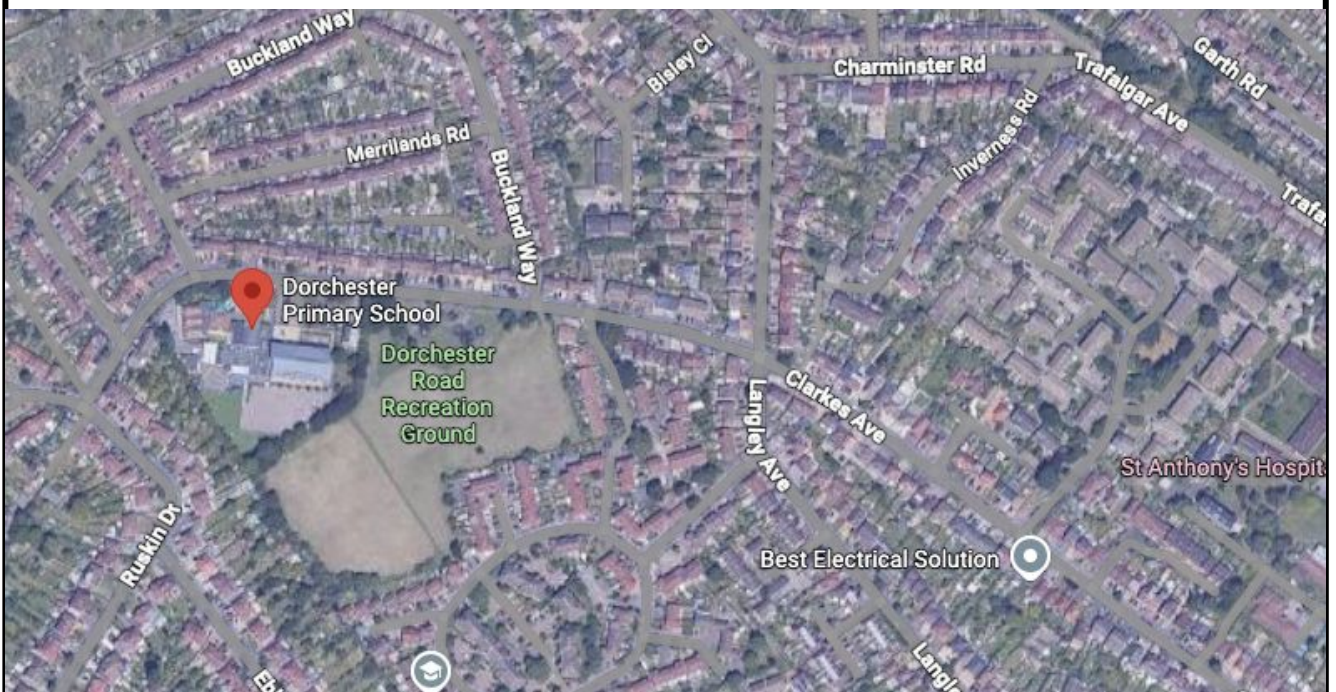


We also started learning about our school, answering questions such as:

Where is our school?

What different places do we have in our school?

We looked at Google maps of the local area to identify where our school was. We then looked at the internal geography of the school, went on a walkthrough the school to find the main office and Mrs Bell's office, and thought about how to draw a map of the Early Years building.



Festive Lunch and Christmas Jumper day



We will be supporting 'Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day' on Wednesday 10th December.

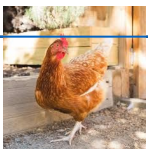
Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper along with their standard school uniform for that day. If you want to make a donation to Save the Children, please hand this over to your class teacher.

We will also be able to enjoy a festive Christmas menu. Please see the link below;

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/news/?pid=3&nid=9&storyid=2693>



Forest School



The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

Forest School timetable:

December	January	February
4th - Silver	8th - Bronze	5th - Bronze
11th - Bronze	15th - Silver	12th - Silver
18th - Silver	22nd - Bronze	26th - Bronze
	29th - Silver	

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more!

Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery aglover13@suttonmail.org

Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class mahmad68@suttonmail.org

Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

The Christmas Nativity

Please keep practising the lines. More children know them now. We will be rehearsing in the hall very soon.

Costumes

Please don't forget that costumes are due in by next **Wednesday 4th December**. You can drop them before that date. Please put your child's name on their costume and put into a labelled plastic bag - we have a lot of narrators, shepherds, kings and angels, who all have similar costumes.



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.

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DATE / TIME

Monday 8th December
1.00-2.00pm



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Thursday 11th December
7.00-8.00pm



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Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep



The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.

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Tuesday 9th December
1.00-2.00pm



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Reception Parent/Carer Events 2025-26



September

Welcome to Reception
Tuesday 25th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class to
Bronze Class)

October

Early Birds: Fine Motor
Activities
Tuesday 1st
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

November

Phonics Workshop
Thursday 6th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

December

EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 16th
9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 17th
2:15-3:15pm
Main Hall

January

Maths Workshop
Thursday 22nd
January
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

February

Live Maths Meeting
Thursday 12th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 18th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

April

Live Phonics
Wednesday 22nd
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

May

Family Reading
Celebration
Friday 8th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

June

Bronze Class
Assembly
Friday 19th
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

July

Silver Class Assembly
Friday 3rd
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

Early Bird: Summer Holiday
Activities
Friday 10th
8:30-9:15am

August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

Important dates

FODS Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November

Nativity costumes in by - Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Jumper Swap - Friday 5th December (please see details sent by school)

Christmas Jumper & Festive Lunch - Wednesday 10th December

Donkey Visit - Friday 12th December

EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-

Tuesday 16th December- 9:30am

Wednesday 17th December- 2:15pm

Last Day Autumn 2 - Friday 19th December

First Day Spring 1 - Tuesday 6th January 2026

School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

Please share these photos with your child as a prompt to talk about this week's activities.

Pictures to follow

